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REMARKS

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1. Throughout the day of 24 December 1951 there was flying at Brandis airfield by 3 jet fighters and 1 single-engine plane with a radial engine.

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three MiG-15s. One type-29 plane Between 25 and 28 December 1951 and between 2 and 5 January 1952, local flying was practiced throughout the day if the weather was favorable. After 4 January, two planes practiced taking off in formation but landed individually. Two jet fighters which were probably assigned to the alert flight were continually parked on the concrete apron in front of the hangars in the northwestern corner of the field. *

2. On 3 January, jet fighter was being adjusted at the gun firing pit. The plane had no other markings except for a Soviet star on its fuselage and rudder assembly. * While the plane was being zeroed in one man was observed in the seat; another man stood on the fuselage behind the wings, and three recruits were standing at the side. Between 2 and 3 p.m. only two short bursts were heard.

3. On 3 January, trucks entered the field. Three air force officers including one with silver and another with golden epaulets arrived in Brandis by the train from Leipzig and inquired about the way to the airfield. According to a German employed at the field, a new detail had arrived there. **

4. An Adcock DF station was about 750 meters east of the east end of the runway. About 150 meters southwest of the DF station, there was a radio truck with a trailer behind which a white radio mast, 6 to 7 meters high, was observed. Another radio installation was observed on Kohlenberg from a distance of about 400 meters. Two white masts which stood in E-W direction projected above the trees. The western mast was higher than the eastern mast. An acquaintance of source who was employed at the power station said that two Soviet officers from the field had asked whether they could get electric power for a DF station located near the Mulde River.

* Comment. From this report and previous observations, it is believed that the new fighter regiment in Brandis has not been fully equipped with aircraft although it is assumed that some aircraft were parked in the hangars on the day of observation. A maximum of nine MiG-15s was observed at the field during December 1951. As at all other airfields occupied by fighter regiments, on the aircraft of the new regiment in Brandis.

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two planes after initial training with individual MiG-15s were also observed with other new fighter regiments in the Soviet Zone of Germany.

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**  Comment. It is not clear whether source means the personnel of the new fighter regiment. It appears that the regiment has not yet reached its authorized strength.

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